



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Public Social Services

At its meeting held January 11, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Molina and Burke:

“On December 14, 2004, the Board requested the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to provide an action plan for enhancing services to homeless CalWORKs families in response to the increased number of families in the skid row area. In developing the plan, the Department included two strategies requiring the transfer of CalWORKs Single Allocation funding to the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority. Those strategies are: forming an outreach team to identify homeless families in Skidrow and connect them with appropriate services; and increasing the number of emergency shelter beds and hotel vouchers for homeless CalWORKs families with children.

“These strategies, along with others that were outlined and submitted by DPSS in their action plan, will make an important contribution to the critical effort to reduce homelessness among families with children.”

Yvonne Michelle Autry addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Burke seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Authorized the Director of Public Social Services to amend contract number 75159, which took effect on December 14, 2004, with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to increase the maximum contract amount by no more than \$1,560,000 for the period of January 11, 2005 through June 30, 2005, for outreach, emergency shelter and services for homeless CalWORKs families to be allocated by Supervisorial District based on CalWORKs caseload density;

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2. Instructed the Director of Public Social Services to:

- Evaluate the effectiveness of the skid row outreach strategies and report back to the Board within 60 days; and
- Expand outreach strategies into each Supervisorial District, utilizing the best practices and lessons learned; and

3. Requested the Director of Public Social Services, in conjunction with LAHSA, to submit monthly reports for the next six months on specifically how each family has been assisted, referred and case-managed and the outcomes experienced with each family in terms of efforts to assist them in attaining stability.

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